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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

1. The Anti-Communist Operations course started on schedule, 5 January, although there are only eight registrants and seven who actually turned up. Consideration was given to cancelling this course because of the very small number of students, but after looking over the individuals who were to attend, we found that four were about to go to the field and presumably had immediate and specific need for the course. I feel that the course should be run for the benefit of those four if for no other reason. TK

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2. a. [REDACTED] and I have reviewed carefully the course critiques made by the students in the recent Basic Country Survey USSR given primarily for OSI students. We are struck by the fact that the critiques are not consistent in any respect. Some individuals feel that more emphasis should be put on scientific and technical matters whereas others suggest more emphasis on historical background and ideology of Communism. Some suggest greater emphasis on political and governmental structure of the USSR, others recommend that this be reduced. Two requested more film coverage and two others implied that the films were a waste of time which could be much better applied to good lecture programs. It would appear that as a general course it probably satisfied the objectives but that each of the participants was interested in something more concentrated and specific in a field of particular concern to him or her. As a result I have discussed with [REDACTED] the feasibility of reorganizing the course to some extent. If we gave the course as it now stands but instead of ending up with an examination requested each student to write a paper on the topic of particular concern to him or her it would provide them with an opportunity to go into the specialty which they wished to explore further under SIC "tutorial direction." I think we could assist them in obtaining materials or opportunities to talk with people familiar with the specific subjects, both members of SIC faculty and outsiders if necessary. I would like to try this method with the class of the OSI course even though the examination has been given and the course completed but [REDACTED] feels that it is unlikely we would get much response from them. Despite this he will talk informally with some of the members of this class before we abandon the idea completely.

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b. Another point which I have covered with [REDACTED]

concerning the Basic Country Survey USSR is the need to refer to

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present day outstanding requirements for acquisition of intelligence in this field. I have asked [REDACTED] to talk to appropriate individuals in the Intelligence School and the Operations School before moving forward in order that we will not conflict with or duplicate any activity of those schools. He reports already that the Intelligence School appears to have nothing in this field. In order to include in the next Basic Country Survey course a section in this field I will put

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[REDACTED] in direct contact with the requirements people in DDP, and to the extent necessary in DDI, to determine how best to cover this approach. It is my feeling that if we constantly identify the outstanding requirements on the USSR it will tend to make the area course concentrate on these factors and result in an area course more specifically designed to the Agency's problems.

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3. [REDACTED] suggested in a memorandum to the Chief of the Intelligence School that it would be helpful to have students being given the Administrative Procedures courses instructed also on international Communism. It was not her intent to include in the present Administrative Procedures courses this new coverage and, therefore, the only practical way in which this might be carried out would appear to be either a special course for this purpose or an inclusion of these students in the Communism section of the IOC presentation. [REDACTED] feels that the latter would be undesirable as the students would not be on a par with the professional group who attend the IOC, and would, therefore, be at an unfair disadvantage. As the Administrative Procedures courses are given approximately six (6) times a year, and as the coverage would be considerably similar to the coverage given in IOC, I lean strongly to the belief that it would be better to open the IOC to these clerical people if in no other way than as auditors. I should like your comments as to the desirability of this. I agree that these individuals should profit by at least being exposed to the lectures given in the IOC as often the secretaries and administrative personnel overseas become useful tools of operations, particularly in small stations and certainly should be given every opportunity possible prior to their departure to understand the significance of Communism.

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II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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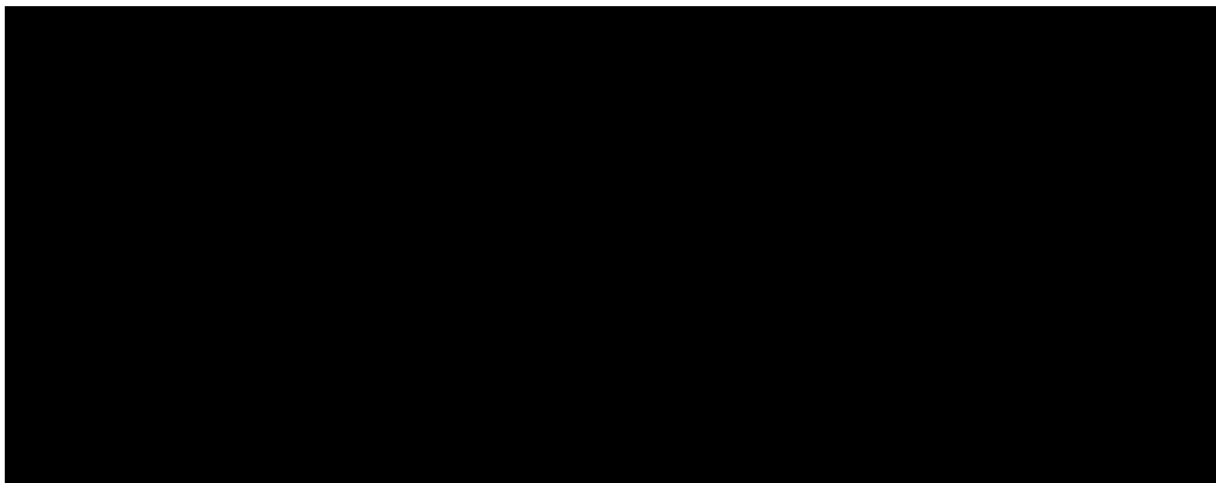
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The number of tutorials being requested [REDACTED] has made it necessary for SIC to ask that such tutorials be budgeted and paid for by the requesting office rather than by SIC as far as instructor travel and per diem is concerned. The small travel budget of SIC, which is at present about \$400.00 for the remainder of the year, would rapidly be used up under any other arrangement.



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2. SIC forwarded to the Operations School [REDACTED] full outlines 25X1A of all of the JOT lectures which he had requested. These are also being used as the basis for writing the Training Manual which we hope to 25X1A complete in time to send out with [REDACTED]. The full lecture outlines do not have the footnoting which I am anxious to include in order that instructors not entirely familiar with the subject may at least know where to go for a fuller discussion of the most important points. SIC is working on this now and as a result has made a request to OTR Personnel for the services of two typists from the pool for 25X1A approximately one month. [REDACTED] believes that this can be done and that the typists can be brought down here where we can work closely with them on all the unclassified material involved. It would be most unhandy to have to send the material to the pool as it is constantly being used, revised, etc., by the various instructors here.

3. The Chief of PPS forwarded a reply from OCR to the more specific requirements which SIC made as the result of the requirements review instituted by [REDACTED]. It was the position of OCR that they could give us very little assistance with respect to State and USIA cables and despatches, particularly requested by [REDACTED] without doing a good deal more work. Although [REDACTED] was quite willing to go back to OCR and attempt to work out a solution, I feel that it may be better to try to

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locate the material we want through contact with DDP where the screening has already taken place. Upon [REDACTED] return from [REDACTED] he is presently handling the [REDACTED] tutorial, I will go over this with him and see if it is feasible.

4. Tutorial Training:

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[REDACTED]	5 January	8 hours
	6 January	8 hours
	7 January	4 hours
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	8 January	8 hours

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